

May 1, 2019

Special Executive Session via Zoom – Members Present – Bill Rose-Heim, Mary Lou Kegler, Bo Crowe, Mark Willis, James Vertreese, John Steinmetz

Special meeting called for two issues:

1. A request from our Community Engagement Commission Chair, Rev. Dr. Matthew Silvers, for our Region's co-sponsorship of a Proclaiming Pride worship service at Community Christian Church
 - a. Discussion about how much we could afford to contribute to be a sponsor. An executive committee member volunteered to give \$100 for this effort. The Executive Committee decided to be a co-sponsor for event using the donated \$100. MLK will let Rev. Silvers know.
2. Executive Committee counsel regarding the use of Regional Reconciliation funds to the conditionally approved grant from the Reconciliation Ministry Commission. This request was sent to you earlier on April 20th.
 - a. BRH gave a synopsis of what this program would do and how this training could benefit ministers and churches in Region. It would start with large group training event and then follow-up with small group meetings, starting in August if approved.
 - b. Region would need to designate \$5000 from Reconciliation Fund if we wanted this project to go forward. We would anticipate receiving \$1000 from registrations, with 50 attendees at \$20 each for 2-day training. – James asked where this shortfall would be made up from if we did NOT get 50 attendees. BRH offered to pay shortfall from his spending fund.
 - c. We have received grant from Reconciliation Ministries for \$4080 toward overall costs.
 - d. Discussion on cost, response, participation ensued. BRH suggested declining grant to see if we could get this ministry up and running first, and then reapply next year. Committee felt we should take advantage of grant given us. Bo and James will attend first organizing meeting for this endeavor tomorrow and report back.
 - e. We will accept grant and move forward with August training, with Bo and James reporting back on organizing efforts.

Meeting adjourned with prayer by John.